

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.,

June 16, 1899

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You will render a report on or before your return, giving the result of your examination.

Before returning to Washington you will visit the mint at Philadelphia for the purpose of conferring with the Superintendent and bookkeeper and adopt a system that will avoid in future, the com-

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While engaged in this service, your necessary traveling and  
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accompanied by proper vouchers.

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[Signature] George E. Roberts  
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